

REMARKS

Claims 11 – 15, 21, 53 – 60, 63 – 66, and 69 – 71 are pending. The text of claims withdrawn claims 16 – 20 and 41 – 48 along with the text to withdrawn claims 61 – 62 and 67 – 68 has been added to this amendment.

In the November 3, 2006 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the Examiner identified that the listing of all of the claims did not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims). In an October 12, 2006 Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the applicants added the text of withdrawn claims 16 – 20 and 41 – 48. In the present Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the applicants added the text to withdrawn claims 61 – 62 and 67 – 68.

In response, the applicants have added the text of all the withdrawn claims of the present application, i.e., claims 16 – 20, 41 – 48, 61 – 62, and 67- 68. The applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

In order to expedite prosecution, the applicants are not repeating the arguments presented in the July 17, 2006 Amendment. Accordingly, please enter the amendments in the July 17, 2006 Amendment and consider the remarks presented in the July 17, 2006 amendment, which are not repeated here for reasons of brevity.

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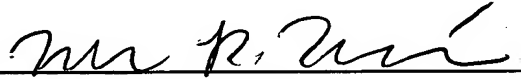
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Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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